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Applicant: Hideki Seki
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Examiner: Harold Joyce
Title: AIR PASSAGE SWITCHING DEVICE AND VEHICLE AIR
CONDITIONER USING THE SAME
Attorney Docket: 4041J-000833

Director of The United States Patent and Trademark Office
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2004, Paper No./Mail
Date 8092004, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §
121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. The species principally illustrated in Figures 1-13;
- II. The species principally illustrated in Figures 14 and 15;
- III. The species principally illustrated in Figures 16.

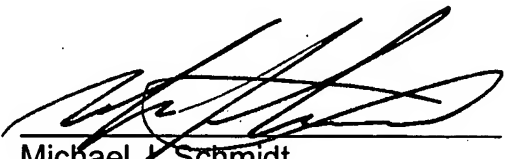
Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally illustrated in Figures 1-13. Applicant believes that Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12-13 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1, 8 and 9 are generic. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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